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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

U.S. agricultural export volume for September totaled 11.2 million metric tons, up 29 percent from 8.7 million tons exported during September 1986 and up 12 percent from August 1987. Strong soybean and corn sales accounted for much of the year-to-year increase. However, as in previous months, significant increases also were registered in exports of raw cotton and such high-value products as poultry meat, almonds, grapes and red meats. September's agricultural export value totaled \$2.33 billion, up 22 percent from September 1986 and up 9 percent from August's levels.

Fiscal 1987 export volume totaled 129.2 million tons, an increase of 18 percent from fiscal 1986. Grain exports, which accounted for most of the volume increase, were spurred by lower U.S. prices, reduced competitor supplies and the Export Enhancement Program. As a consequence, the U.S. share of world grain trade increased to 36 percent--up from 31 percent last year. Significant volume gains also were registered in cotton (160 percent), dried beans (45 percent), poultry meat (42 percent), alcoholic beverages (38 percent), citrus fruit juices (30 percent), corn (27 percent), grain sorghum (24 percent), soybean meal (22 percent), feed and fodders (22 percent) and red meats (20 percent).

Export value for fiscal 1987 totaled \$27.9 billion, up \$1.5 billion from 1986. Lower prices for major grain products offset some of the strong volume gains and held the year-to-year increase in total export value to a modest 6 percent. Major markets registering significant increases in U.S. export value were: European Community--up \$334 million (5 percent); Japan--up \$418 million (8 percent); Canada--up \$315 million (22 percent); and South Korea--up \$416 million (33 percent). In fact, 13 of the U.S. top 20 markets showed gains of 5 percent or more over fiscal 1986.

Imports for September totaled \$1.58 billion, down 2 percent from September 1986. September's figures brought the fiscal 1987 agricultural import totals to \$20.6 billion--down 1 percent from last year.

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September's competitive imports were valued at \$1.08 billion--up 9 percent from September of last year. For the entire fiscal year, competitive imports totaled a record \$13.9 billion, up 6 percent from 1986. Competitive imports have risen slowly but steadily over the last five years, and now comprise 67 percent of total imports--up from 62 percent in 1986.

Some significant increases in competitive imports in 1987 were beef and veal--up \$300 million (26 percent), pork--up \$226 million (25 percent), furskins--up \$97 million (75 percent) and alcoholic beverages--up \$61 million (3 percent).

Noncompetitive agricultural imports totaled \$495 million in September--down 19 percent from September 1986. (Noncompetitive products are items such as bananas and plantains, coffee, cocoa, rubber and allied gums, spices and tea.) For fiscal 1987, noncompetitive imports totaled \$6.79 billion--down 14 percent from fiscal 1986. Most of the decline was due to a \$1.2 billion drop in coffee imports, the result of sharply lower world prices.

The September agricultural trade surplus was \$757 million, up \$158 million from August, and the 14th consecutive month the United States has run a surplus. September's performance brings the fiscal 1987 trade surplus to \$7.2 billion, up \$1.8 billion from the \$5.4 billion level of 1986.

U.S. Agricultural Trade
(Billion dollars)

	-----FISCAL YEAR-----		
	1986	1987	Percent
	Actual	Actual	Change
Exports	26.3	27.9	5.8
Imports	20.9	20.7	-1.4
Trade balance	5.4	7.2	---

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1985 - SEPTEMBER 1987

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HORTICULTURAL PROD.											
TREE NUTS.....	MT	213,544	173,440	-19		10,973	26,213	+139	35,973	81,554	+127
FRUIT.....									102,432	127,955	+25
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT	828,905	926,024	+12		38,569	36,011	-7	23,693	23,094	-3
FRESH, NON-CITRUS..	MT	456,063	536,597	+18		53,420	67,626	+27	39,163	51,777	+32
CANNED.....	MT	63,975	66,345	+4		6,101	6,006	-2	5,722	6,119	+7
DRIED.....	MT	136,495	148,799	+9		13,951	19,140	+37	20,970	30,841	+47
JUICES.....	GAL	96,467	115,072	+19		9,787	9,988	+2	12,884	16,124	+25
VEGETABLES, FRESH....	MT	532,053	531,220	---		28,061	26,783	-5	11,762	11,995	+2
VEG., PREP., PRES....	MT	339,802	388,202	+14		26,238	34,887	+33	22,271	29,351	+32
OTHER.....	XXX								32,882	42,812	+30
TOTAL.....	XXX								205,321	293,666	+43
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.											
SUGAR & SWEETENERS..	XXX								19,506	12,706	-35
COFFEE.....	MT	12,697	13,887	+9		1,489	1,213	-19	8,720	8,038	-8
FLAVORING SYRUPS....	XXX								21,790	15,906	-27
OTHER.....	XXX								30,981	32,909	+6
TOTAL.....	XXX								80,997	69,559	-14
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX								1914,980	2334,003	+22

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COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (SEPTEMBER)				
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		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
TOBACCO UNMFG.										
BURLEY.....	MT	45,734	295,210	+7	-6	1,227	7,356	+36	12,197	+66
FLUE-CURED.....	MT	126,500	812,897	-5	-8	5,607	34,410	-8	29,896	-13
FIRE-SUN CURED.....	MT	7,703	35,734	+42	+38	780	3,762	-27	2,256	-40
MARYLAND.....	MT	2,743	16,610	-18	-19	206	806	-78	278	-66
CIGAR.....	MT	1,220	29,365	-23	-28	27	400	+24	262	-35
OTHER LEAF.....	MT	6,127	43,075	-50	-48	275	2,062	-39	1,604	-22
STEMS.....	MT	34,001	84,795	+11	-14	2,195	10,875	--	4,082	-62
TOTAL.....	MT	224,029	1,317,685	--	-9	10,317	59,671	-5	50,577	-15
POULTRY PRODUCTS										
MEAT.....	MT	225,784	231,511	+46	+50	21,217	22,453	+53	33,552	+49
BROILER.....	MT	11,844	14,013	+13	+11	1,101	1,680	+28	1,665	-1
TURKEY.....	MT	7,373	8,283	+79	+77	406	457	-27	354	-23
OTHER POULTRY MEAT.....	DOZ	25,375	37,317	+23	+13	2,203	3,424	+35	3,942	+15
EGGS.....	MT	24,684	37,958	-31	-1	2,325	3,887	-61	2,339	-40
EGG PRODUCTS.....	MT		126,226		+9		9,713		10,431	+7
OTHER.....	XXX									
TOTAL.....	XXX		455,308		+31		41,614		52,283	+26
DAIRY PRODUCTS										
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT	367,447	220,843	-9	--	29,405	19,080	+10	21,996	+15
CHEESE.....	MT	13,228	26,216	+29	+22	1,548	2,514	+55	3,619	+44
BUTTER.....	MT	25,999	40,151	-45	-56	1,007	1,912	-1	1,167	-39
OTHER.....	XXX		146,036		+54		15,571		29,062	+87
TOTAL.....	XXX		433,245		+14		39,076		55,845	+43
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.										
MEAT.....	MT	412,788	940,991	+19	+26	44,272	91,632	-7	107,774	+18
BEEF.....	MT	138,166	539,055	+60	+36	23,002	59,576	-15	67,711	+14
PORK.....	MT	28,571	80,757	+5	+30	1,583	4,284	+73	10,694	+150
VARIETY.....	MT	246,051	321,179	-2	+9	19,687	18,645	-5	27,772	+6
TALLOW.....	MT	1254,660	423,416	-10	-13	73,417	19,782	+30	32,176	+63
LARD.....	MT	50,926	25,480	-9	-12	4,075	2,004	-2	1,898	-5
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	105,238	120,992	+16	-18	9,652	16,177	+16	7,849	-51
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX		1,157,575		+10		96,423		101,030	+5
FURSKINS.....	NO	13223,372	203,820	+18	+46	410,199	7,305	-9	7,728	+6
OTHER.....	XXX		642,925		+10		69,578		91,770	+32
TOTAL.....	XXX		3,515,199		+13		302,900		350,225	+16

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GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR..	MT	26599,342	3,485,823	+11	29647,494	3,086,017	-11	2767,515	3343,948	+21	310,543	351,803	+13
WHEAT.....	MT	25505,521	3,260,416	+11	28230,023	2,879,282	-12	2673,489	3264,350	+22	295,650	339,353	+15
WHEAT FLOUR.....	MT	1093,821	225,407	+30	1417,471	206,735	-8	94,026	79,598	-15	14,893	12,450	-16
RICE.....	MT	2382,233	647,507	+3	2453,904	550,525	-15	434,234	214,880	-51	82,303	45,838	-44
COARSE GRAINS.....	MT	35998,965	3,743,154	+32	47439,637	3,682,935	-2	2670,649	4114,012	+54	211,360	318,924	+51
CORN.....	MT	31104,104	3,290,981	+27	39349,290	3,044,872	-7	2028,643	3438,279	+69	165,253	263,869	+60
GRAIN SORGHUM.....	MT	4111,538	385,734	+24	5118,541	391,296	+1	360,452	450,910	+25	24,771	33,468	+35
BARLEY.....	MT	756,363	62,891	+289	2945,697	243,634	+287	278,093	218,040	-22	20,912	21,059	+1
OATS.....	MT	20,729	2,799	-47	11,080	1,769	-37	1,760	351	-80	196	72	-63
RYE.....	MT	6,231	749	+141	15,029	1,364	+82	1,701	6,432	+278	228	456	+100
FEEDS & FEEDERS 1/.....	MT	8214,692	1,241,747	+22	10002,683	1,423,687	+15	798,056	901,310	+13	119,930	124,516	+4
PULSES.....	MT	437,402	204,266	+27	557,458	271,940	+33	33,555	41,492	+24	15,918	17,867	+12
BEANS, DRIED.....	MT	294,120	140,226	+45	426,650	225,225	+61	16,263	24,983	+54	7,997	12,477	+56
PEAS, DRIED.....	MT	100,263	33,671	-5	94,877	27,820	-17	6,361	9,282	+46	2,046	2,546	+24
LENTILS, ETC., DRI.....	MT	43,019	30,369	-16	35,931	18,895	-38	10,931	7,227	-34	5,875	2,844	-52
OTHER.....	XXX		334,552			287,013	-14				26,604	22,900	-14
TOTAL.....	XXX	73,632,634	9,657,048	+22	90,101,176	9,302,117	-4	6704,009	8615,642	+29	766,656	881,848	+15
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
TOTAL OILSEEDS.....	MT	20876,732	4,512,788	+5	22017,175	4,510,230	--	853,928	1598,543	+87	177,118	341,883	+93
SOYBEANS.....	MT	20122,594	4,170,494	+6	21321,719	4,190,864	--	822,077	1544,287	+88	163,736	318,514	+95
SUNFLOWER SEED.....	MT	368,059	96,592	-10	332,890	86,270	-11	12,527	21,598	+72	2,953	6,582	+123
PEANUTS.....	MT	326,270	225,224	-23	251,233	205,186	-9	8,559	15,627	+83	7,145	12,479	+75
OTHER OILSEEDS.....	MT	59,809	20,478	+86	111,333	27,910	+36	10,765	17,031	+58	3,284	4,308	+31
SOYBEAN MEAL.....	MT	5475,778	1,113,189	+22	6661,413	1,333,269	+20	283,845	185,599	-35	59,939	39,830	-34
OTHER MEAL.....	MT	138,121	18,684	+15	159,147	21,298	+14	28,579	14,496	-49	3,086	1,877	-39
TOTAL VEG. OILS.....	MT	1255,610	703,469	-20	1000,466	484,288	-31	148,550	152,935	+3	69,467	69,234	--
SOYBEAN OIL.....	MT	570,297	291,755	-6	538,461	222,944	-24	101,508	101,978	--	43,573	41,764	-4
SUNFLOWER OIL.....	MT	205,450	109,552	-24	155,655	67,093	-39	16,499	17,736	+7	6,782	7,289	+7
COTTONSEED OIL.....	MT	200,658	108,327	-51	97,716	47,204	-56	8,983	11,714	+30	4,768	5,241	+10
OTHER VEG. OILS.....	MT	279,205	193,835	-25	208,634	147,047	-24	21,560	21,507	--	14,344	14,940	+4
OTHER.....	XXX		103,931			128,263	+23				8,272	11,128	+35
TOTAL.....	XXX	27,746,241	6,452,060	+8	29,838,201	6,477,348	--	1314,902	1951,573	+48	317,881	463,951	+46
SEEDS.....													
SEEDS.....	MT	204,256	356,639	+25	255,255	361,128	+1	16,714	14,169	-15	22,448	21,997	-2
COTTON & LINTERS													
RAW COTTON 2/.....	STB	2212,612	677,570	+171	5998,628	1,419,322	+109	374,059	314,488	-16	77,514	93,195	+20
LINTERS 2/.....	STB	162,299	14,293	-33	107,944	10,039	-30	12,784	4,191	-67	901	857	-5
SILK.....	STB	423	229	-68	134	81	-65			-100	1		-100
TOTAL.....	STB	2375,333	692,092	+157	6106,706	1,429,443	+107	386,843	318,680	-18	78,416	94,052	+20

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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.									
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED:	MT	2018,028	1572,201	-22		159,500	137,401	-14	45,388
SWEETENERS.....	MT	1184,782	984,771	-17		83,951	77,903	-7	24,309
COCOA & PRODUCTS.....	MT	506,717	502,820	-1		37,170	29,730	-20	84,387
COFFEE.....	MT	1222,819	1206,763	-1		101,387	108,983	+7	359,755
ESSENTIAL OILS.....	MT	10,727	12,149	+13		660	623	-6	7,672
TEA.....	MT	88,940	80,095	-10		8,215	5,084	-38	12,432
SPICES.....	MT	161,412	169,669	+5		11,745	13,042	+11	17,791
FIBERS.....	MT	55,556	51,544	-7		4,806	2,862	-40	2,252
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS:	MT	800,671	823,646	+3		64,502	61,161	-5	51,115
OTHER.....	XXX:								10,675
TOTAL.....	XXX:					7,980,195	6,617,652	-17	615,776
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX:					20,873,524	20,649,714	-1	1607,654

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GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & PRODUCTS.....	MT	525,225	710,614	+35	405,061	487,818	+20	32,039	57,424	+79	37,072	47,563	+28
BARLEY & MALT.....	MT	188,595	195,748	+4	27,797	21,313	-23	5,185	28,208	+444	1,035	2,480	+140
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/.....	MT	779,006	617,422	-21	76,746	57,084	-26	26,246	39,355	+50	4,206	3,794	-10
PULSES.....	MT	36,790	44,273	+20	19,638	22,652	+15	2,676	3,538	+32	1,572	1,743	+11
OTHER.....	XXX				342,109	363,430	+6				28,809	51,536	+79
TOTAL.....	XXX				871,350	952,297	+9				72,694	107,116	+47
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OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
OILSEEDS.....	MT	153,644	116,058	-24	53,221	42,254	-21	8,070	18,664	+131	2,726	4,263	+56
COCONUT OIL.....	MT	551,842	492,891	-11	211,941	153,894	-27	39,144	59,645	+52	10,351	23,616	+128
PALM OIL.....	MT	277,464	214,984	-23	106,356	56,280	-47	20,610	6,541	-68	5,565	2,067	-63
OTHER VEG. OILS.....	MT	306,147	395,578	+29	199,047	238,078	+20	18,313	31,620	+73	11,012	19,547	+78
OTHER.....	MT	177,593	305,514	+72	54,002	77,022	+43	16,184	27,415	+69	4,656	6,430	+38
TOTAL.....	MT	1466,691	1525,024	+4	624,566	567,528	-9	102,322	143,885	+41	34,310	55,923	+63
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SEEDS.....	MT	55,668	86,162	+55	104,339	146,815	+41	5,206	4,559	-12	9,899	11,003	+11
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COTTON, LINTERS, SILK....	MT	41,692	37,809	-9	19,892	14,466	-27	1,135	2,341	+106	900	870	-3
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TOBACCO UNMFG.													
CIGARETTE LEAF.....	MT	166,276	175,977	+6	546,434	574,460	+5	14,039	10,971	-22	46,836	33,145	-29
CIGAR LEAF.....	MT	3,739	4,953	+32	19,834	21,344	+8	267	381	+43	1,870	1,733	-7
SCRAP & STEMS.....	MT	38,224	42,956	+12	39,221	38,198	-3	3,711	2,565	-31	3,296	2,339	-29
TOTAL.....	MT	208,238	223,886	+8	605,489	634,001	+5	18,017	13,917	-23	52,002	37,217	-28
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POULTRY PRODUCTS													
FEATHERS & DOWN.....	MT	9,284	11,603	+25	64,611	72,722	+13	1,227	846	-31	7,299	4,856	-33
POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	3,273	3,631	+11	11,965	14,220	+19	375	241	-36	989	973	-2
EGGS & PRODUCTS.....	XXX				15,619	15,234	-2				1,202	1,563	+30
OTHER.....	XXX				8,938	10,107	+13				1,265	605	-52
TOTAL.....	XXX				101,133	112,283	+11				10,756	7,997	-26